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1. SUMMARY. UNIDENTIFIED BRAZILIAN SOURCES QUOTED IN AN O ESTADO ARTICLE COMMENTED THAT: (A) THE REACTOR FUEL GUARANTEES PROPOSED BY JOSEPH NYE IN HIS O ESTADO INTERVIEW WOULD MEAN CONTINUED DEPENDENCE FOR BRAZIL; (B) IF THE NYE INTERVIEW WAS AIMED AT FLOATING A TRIAL BALLOON, IT HAD THE EFFECT OF MAKING BRAZIL'S POSITION MORE AND MORE RIGID; AND (C) THE VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP POSSIBLY SIGNIFIES A WEAKENING OF THE US-BRAZIL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (COMMENT: PRESUMABLY BECAUSE BRAZIL WAS NOT CONSULTED IN ADVANCE). END SUMMARY.

2. O ESTADO DO SAO PAULO (JAN. 25) CARRIED
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COMMENTS FROM UNIDENTIFIED BRAZILIAN SOURCES REGARDING THE JOSEPH NYE INTERVIEW (REF A). AN UNIDENTIFIED "SPECIALIST FROM THE ENERGY SECTOR IN RIO DE JANEIRO" (COMMENT: PROBABLY FROM NUCLEBRAS) REPORTEDLY SAID THE PROPOSAL PRESENTED BY NYE "OFFERS NO REAL GUARANTEE OF SUPPLY FOR NUCLEAR FUEL, BECAUSE, IF BRAZIL WERE TO ACCEPT THE

PROPOSAL, IT WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO ACCEPTING ALSO THE ETERNAL DEPENDENCE OF BRAZIL REGARDING ISSUES OF ATOMIC POLICY." ACCORDING TO THE SPECIALIST, BRAZIL, INSPIRED BY THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE OCCURRED WITH PETROLEUM, OPTED FOR THE FULL FUEL CYCLE PROGRAM "IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE ITSELF AGAINST ANY REPRESSIVE MEASURE," SUCH AS AN INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT. "HOW THEN (CAN BRAZIL) ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL IF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TODAY APPLIES SERIOUS RESTRICTIONS TO THE FURNISHING OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO COUNTRIES THAT POSSESS NUCLEAR REACTORS?"

3. THE SPECIALIST, ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, OBSERVED THAT THE TECHNICAL CONDITIONS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US ON THE SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM ARE CONSIDERED EXTREMELY RIGOROUS. THE CONDITIONS WERE ONE OF THE REASONS WHY BRAZIL TRIED TO ACQUIRE FUEL FOR ANGRA 2 AND 3 FROM URENCO. TO OFFER AN IDEA OF THESE CONDITIONS, THE SPECIALIST REPORTEDLY ASSERTED THAT THE US COMPANY WHICH FURNISHES ENRICHED URANIUM (COMMENT: WE PRESUME THE REFERENCE IS TO ERDA) DEMANDS: (A)" THAT THE ORDER BE PLACED AT LEAST 8 YEARS IN ADVANCE WITH THE DELIVERY COMING ONLY AFTER 10 YEARS;" (B) "THAT PAYMENT IS MADE WITH A 50 PERCENT DOWNPAYMENT, WITH NO GUARANTEE OF THE FINAL PRICE;" AND, (C)" THE COMPANY DOES NOT EVEN GUARANTEE THE DELIVERY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PRODUCT, WHICH DEPENDS ON THE NECESSITIES OF THE (U.S.) DOMESTIC MARKET OR ON WASHINGTON'S STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL REASONS."

4. ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY MAINTAINED SILENCE AS A "TACTIC," AND NOTED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER RECENTLY HAD SET FORTH BRAZIL'S POSITION: "WE WILL NOT PERMIT OUR DESTINY TO BE FRUSTRATED OR DISPARAGED BECAUSE OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR FOREIGN INFLUENCE" (REF B). IF NYE'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO FLOAT A TRIAL BALLOON, O ESTADO SAID, THEN HE SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING COMMENT BY A BRAZILIAN DIPLOMAT: "IF THERE EXISTS ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES A SINCERE DESIRE TO SEE BRAZIL MODIFY ITS POSITION THE CARTER GOVERNMENT IS DOING EXACTLY WHAT IT OUGHT NOT TO DO, FOR, BY MAKING PRESSURES PUBLIC, (THE US) IS MAKING THE BRAZILIAN POSITION MORE AND MORE RIGID."

FORMALLY ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF NYE'S PROPOSAL AND IT AWAITS ANY OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION AWARE THAT THE US EMBASSY ITSELF HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT THE SUBJECT. MEANWHILE, THE STORY SAID, THERE ARE SIGNS THAT BRAZILIAN EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON, BONN, THE HAGUE, AND LONDON ARE ON "RED ALERT" FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE REAL INTENTIONS OF THE CARTER GOVERNMENT.

5. ACCORDING TO THE STORY, ANOTHER SUBJECT WHICH CONCERN BRAZILIAN DIPLOMACY IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO EUROPE AND JAPAN SIGNIFIES "THE WEAKENING" OF THE US-BRAZIL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (REF C). THE US EMBASSYJS SPOKESMAN, ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, WAS QUICK TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SAY THAT THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DOCUMENT AND THE TRIP, AND THAT "EVEN IF THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT IS A THEME OF THE CONVERSATIONS, THERE IS NO PROVISION IN THE MEMORANDUM THAT REQUIRES THAT BRAZIL BE INFORMED BEFOREHAND." A "DIPLOMATIC SOURCE" (READ: A FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE) SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE AT RISK PROBLEMS ABOUT WHICH THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS "EXTREMELY SENSITIVE." IN THE BEST DIPLOMATIC STYLE, ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, THE SOURCE SAID: "WE DO NOT WANT TO EXAGGERATE AND INSTILL IN THE COUNTRY A CLIMATE OF PARANOIA IN RELATION TO THE UNITED STATES."

6. SEPTEL DEALS WITH BRAZILIAN REACTIONS AND PRESS VERSIONS OF THE DISCUSSIONS THE VICE-PRESIDENT HELD IN BONN ON THE BRAZILIAN-GERMAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT.

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